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## Historical artwork honors 175th anniversary of Texas

Proceeds from sale of official symposium poster help Save Texas History

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AUSTIN — The Texas General Land Office has turned to art to help preserve the history of Texas. The oldest state agency commissioned notable Texana artist Gary Zaboly to create a special work of art to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Texas Revolution. His vivid depiction of Texians at the Battle of San Jacinto is featured in the official poster of the second annual Save Texas History Symposium, set for October 1. Proceeds from the sale of the poster will support the program's mission to promote Texas history education and preservation of historic maps and documents.

"I'm honored to work with an artist of Gary's stature," said Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson. "He expertly captured the fierce spirit of resistance in Texian fighters at that defining moment in Texas history. The strength of resolve depicted in this painting is exactly the kind of spirit that made Texas great."

Entitled "Onward," Zaboly's painting portrays a diverse band of armed Texian fighters cresting the rise on the San Jacinto battlefield, charging toward an unsuspecting Mexican army commanded by Gen. Santa Anna. The commemorative poster will be available for \$10 at the symposium on Saturday, October 1 at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center in Austin from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Posters will also be available from the online store at [www.savetexashistory.org](http://www.savetexashistory.org).

"Definitely a most worthy cause," said Zaboly from his home in New York. "History is always a good cause to preserve and perpetuate!"

Born in New York in 1950, Zaboly is recognized by many as the preeminent illustrator of Texas history. He has illustrated dozens of Texas history books and articles, and has written books on history. His artwork is on permanent exhibit at The Alamo, and his pieces have been acquired by such prominent collectors as the Custer Battlefield Museum in Garryowen, Mont., the late Congressman Charlie Wilson and pop musician Phil Collins.

This year's Save Texas History Symposium features leading Texas historians and scholars celebrating the 175th anniversary of Texas' victory over Mexico. Dr. Gene Smith, James P. Bevill, Dr. Stephen Hardin and Dr. Gregg Dimmick will speak in the morning about the origins, financing and military strategies of the Texas Revolution. In

the afternoon, Dr. Alwyn Barr will moderate a panel discussion about the contributions of Tejanos, women and blacks to the Revolution. Additional events will include a Texas history educators workshop, pioneer land surveying expedition, guided tours of the General Land Office Archives and Records and the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, a genealogical workshop featuring experts from the National Archives and Records Administration and the Travis County Archives and living history demonstrations by the Texian Legacy Association. Morning sessions will occur at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center, while afternoon events will take place at the AT&T Center, General Land Office, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum and University of Texas campus.

Registration is limited and costs \$50 per person. To register, visit [www.savetexashistory.org](http://www.savetexashistory.org) .

Sponsors of this year's symposium are the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, Frontier Surveying, Rosen Classroom, Texas Society of Professional Surveyors, Texas State Genealogical Society and Texas State Historical Association. Sponsors and exhibitors will be in Room 103 of the AT&T Center throughout the day.

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